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PLEASE PASS TO DR. Q. WEST, IICA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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TAGS: PORG, EAGR

SUBJECT: MEMBER QUOTA FUNDING IICA

1. THE PROGRAM/BUDGET DOCUMENT (DOC. 176(17/78), PREPARED BY THE SECRETARIAT REFLECTS THE INFLUENCE OF DISCUSSIONS IN IICA'S ANNUAL BOARD MEETING AND THE EFFORTS BY THE STAFF TO PROVIDE A DOCUMENT THAT IS MORE INFORMATIVE AND EASIER TO WORK WITH THAN BEFORE. THE SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE A SIMPLE, ONE-PAGE SUMMARY OF THE BUDGET AS A FURTHER IMPROVEMENT.

2. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE FISCAL ANALYSIS WHICH FOLLOWS, THE DRAFT RESOLUTION REGARDING QUOTAS (APPENDIX C-1, PAGE 197) OF THE 1978-1979 PROPOSED PROGRAM/BUDGET HAS BEEN COMPARED WITH THE QUOTA SCALES OF PREVIOUS YEARS.

3. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL IS PRESENTING A QUOTA BUDGET
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WHICH SHOWS AN OVERALL 10.56 INCREASE AND WHICH REPRESENTS AN INCREASE IN THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION OF 10.21 . THIS REFLECTS A REDUCTION OF ABOUT 15 IN THE RATE OF INCREASE OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR BUT NOT YET DOWN TO A LEVEL WHERE INCREASES CAN BE JUSTIFIED SOLELY BY THE INCREASES IN WAGES AND PRICES. THE FOLLOWING SHOWS THE PERCENTAGE RATE OF INCREASE FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS IN THE U.S. CONTRIBU-

TION: 1976 - 10 , 1977 - 16 , 1978 - 12 .

4. U.S. POSITION: THE U.S. DELEGATE SUPPORTS THE INCREASE IN MEMBER QUOTA FUNDING FOR A BUDGET FINANCED BY MEMBER STATES OF \$10,104,482 WHICH REPRESENTS A U.S. CONTRIBUTION OF \$6,245,835 AND INCLUDES \$60,000.00 TAX EQUILIZATION PAYMENT.

5. IN VIEW OF THE DOUBLE DIGIT INCREASES IN THE BUDGET FOR EACH OF THE PAST SIX YEARS AND IN VIEW OF THE U.S. BUDGET CONSTRAINTS WHICH ENVISAGE NO-GROWTH IN THE COMING YEAR'S PRESENTATION, THE U.S. DELEGATE SHOULD INSIST THAT THE DIRECTOR GENERAL PRESENT A BUDGET NEXT YEAR WHICH REFLECTS AN INCREASE OF NO MORE THAN THE U.S. INFLATION PERCENTAGE RATE. VANCE

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